deficit financing will depened on the re-assessed position of resources on completion of the mid-term appraisal.

High production cost of Dornier Aircraft

2756. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total cost of production of a Dornier Aircraft in India including the cost of imported components, is going to be nearly double than what it would cost to purchase it on an outright basis from the German manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CIA operations in India

2757. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his last visit to U.S.A. the Prime Minister was assured by Mr. Bush, the US Vice-President that there was no C.I.A. operation in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Vice-President Bush told the Prime Minister that there were no instructions given by the US-Government to the CIA to carry out such activities in India.

Import licences issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Pvt. Limited, NOIDA

2758. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of import licences have been issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Private Limited, NOIDA, Ghaziabad during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of licences have been issued for the import if electronic items in semi knock-down position; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

(c) and (d) A close scrutiny is made of the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) to ensure that in-depth manufacture is only allowed Except for a very small quantity required for the purpose of training, Semi-knocked Down (SKD) kits are not normally allowed. Further, the import-export policy has been modified by transferring the entry relating to import of kits/sub-assemblies from Appendix-3A to Appendix-2B i.e. restricted list.

Representations regarding family pension

2759. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widows of former defence employees who retired from